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**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

Order Instituting Rulemaking Regarding Policies, Procedures and Rules for Development of Distribution Resources Plans Pursuant to Public Utilities Code Section 769.	Rulemaking 14-08-013 (Filed August 14, 2014)
And Related Matters.	Application 15-07-002 Application 15-07-003 Application 15-07-006
<b>(NOT CONSOLIDATED)</b>	
In the Matter of the Application of PacifiCorp (U901E) Setting Forth its Distribution Resource Plan Pursuant to Public Utilities Code Section 769.	Application 15-07-005 (Filed July 1, 2015)
And Related Matters.	Application 15-07-007 Application 15-07-008

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S RULING REGARDING COMMENTS ON  
TRACK 2 DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS**

**Summary**

*The Joint Assigned Commissioner and Administrative Law Judge's Ruling Regarding Track 2 Demonstration Projects (ACR) issued on May 17, 2016, required the filing of revised proposals for Track 2 Demonstration Projects on*

June 17, 2016 and set a workshop for June 28 and 29, 2016, to be followed by the filing of Comments on July 13, 2016, and the filing of Reply Comments on July 20, 2016. The deadlines for Comments and Reply Comments were subsequently extended via an e-mail ruling to July 22, 2016 and July 29, 2016.

### **Content and Organization of Comments**

In their Comments, parties should follow the order and numbering of Appendix A to the ACR to the extent possible. In responding to the specific aspects of the proposed Demonstration Projects, please provide specific suggested modifications that could improve the projects. Parties should also address whether any of the Demonstration Projects could or should be combined.

Parties proposing Demonstration Projects should provide additional detail on item number 11, regarding Cost and Budgeting. In particular, they must itemize in detail all direct utility capital and operations and maintenance costs (as opposed to procurement costs), and propose specific cost recovery mechanisms, such as new or existing memorandum accounts and/or balancing accounts. In addition, the utilities should discuss whether delaying implementation of either Demonstration Projects D or E, or both, would allow them to focus on and accelerate implementation of Demonstration Project C.

### **Evidentiary Hearings**

The ACR stated:

Evidentiary hearings have not been scheduled, and do not appear to be necessary. Any party that believes evidentiary hearings are needed shall file and serve a motion no later than June 24, 2016 requesting evidentiary hearings, explaining why they believe hearings are needed, and identifying the specific material issues of fact that they would seek to address at hearings. (ACR at 3.)

On June 24, 2016, the California Public Utilities Commission's Office of Ratepayer Advocates sent an e-mail to the service list, requesting that the deadline to request evidentiary hearings be continued to July 27, 2016. The deadline to request evidentiary hearings is extended to July 29, 2016. Any request for evidentiary hearings may be made in the Reply Comments due on July 29, 2016, and consistent with the ACR, must explain why hearings are needed and identify the specific material issues of fact that would be addressed at hearings. For scheduling purposes, hearing dates may be calendared prior to July 29, but if no party requests hearings in their July 29 Reply Comments, or if the request fails to adequately identify material issues of fact requiring evidentiary hearings, those hearings will be taken off calendar.

**IT IS RULED** that:

1. Comments of parties proposing Demonstration Projects should provide additional detail regarding cost and budgeting for those Demonstration Projects.
2. Party Comments should address whether Demonstration Project C could be prioritized for implementation.
3. The deadline to request evidentiary hearings is extended to July 29, 2016.

Dated July 12, 2016, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ PETER V. ALLEN  
Peter V. Allen  
Administrative Law Judge